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Joint Statement by Robert Klein, Chair Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and Interim President Zach Hall for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine

Regarding Today's Publication of Guidelines for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research by the National Academies

Emeryville, CA – Robert Klein, Chair of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and Interim President Zach Hall for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, made the following statement regarding today's publication of guidelines for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research by the National Academies.

"The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine and the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee applauds the publication of Guidelines for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research by the National Academies. We are grateful for this intensive effort and accelerated time line for the development of model standards for the Institute to meet the implementation schedule of Proposition 71. This comprehensive and thoughtful report makes a number of recommendations for the oversight of stem cell research by research institutions. The development of standards for embryonic stem cell research by a blue ribbon committee of distinguished scientists, clinicians and ethicists is an important step in forging a much-needed national consensus that will guide institutions, scientists and funding agencies in this new field of research. It is critical that national scientific oversight in this field continue to be provided by the NAS, as it retains the credibility and confidence of physicians, scientists, and advocates of the nation in making the best decisions for advancing therapies for patients suffering from chronic disease and injury."

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